

Education Committee Hearing
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Esteemed member of the Education Committee: My name is Brother Carl Hardrick and I am writing you today because we have a crisis in our education system.

We all know the importance of a quality education where a child can go to a safe school filled with teachers that love o them and are invested in them, and where they have the tools and resources to meet the needs of every student.

Unfortunately, (and sadly), that is not the case for all public school students in our state. Why is that? As someone who has and continues to mentor kids who are fall prey to gangs and to criminal activity, who have a huge deck stacked against them from birth, and pains me to know that they can't at least go to a school that meets their IQ and EQ needs and can help them see value in themselves and become change-makers.

When the state says, "no, public charter school student, you can't get the same funding as your friend who goes to another school just because", how do you think it makes that kid feel? Unvalued, unloved, and unmotivated.

Let's put an end to this once and for all, committee members. Every kid, regardless of what type of public school they attend, should receive funding that is based on every single one of their needs and nothing less. The power is in your hand and history has its eyes on you.

With much appreciation,

Brother Carl